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(54) Edging for floor covering

(57) Edging for a floor covering extending from the floor (2) up a wall (3) comprises a one-piece extrusion consisting of a backing member (1) for guiding the floor covering up the wall at the foot of the wall and, made in one piece therewith, a trim member (5) serving to finish off the raw edge of the floor covering against the wall (3).

An arcuate lip (8) receives the edge of the floor covering.

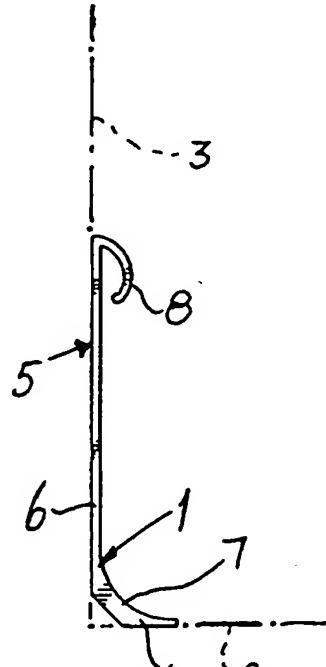
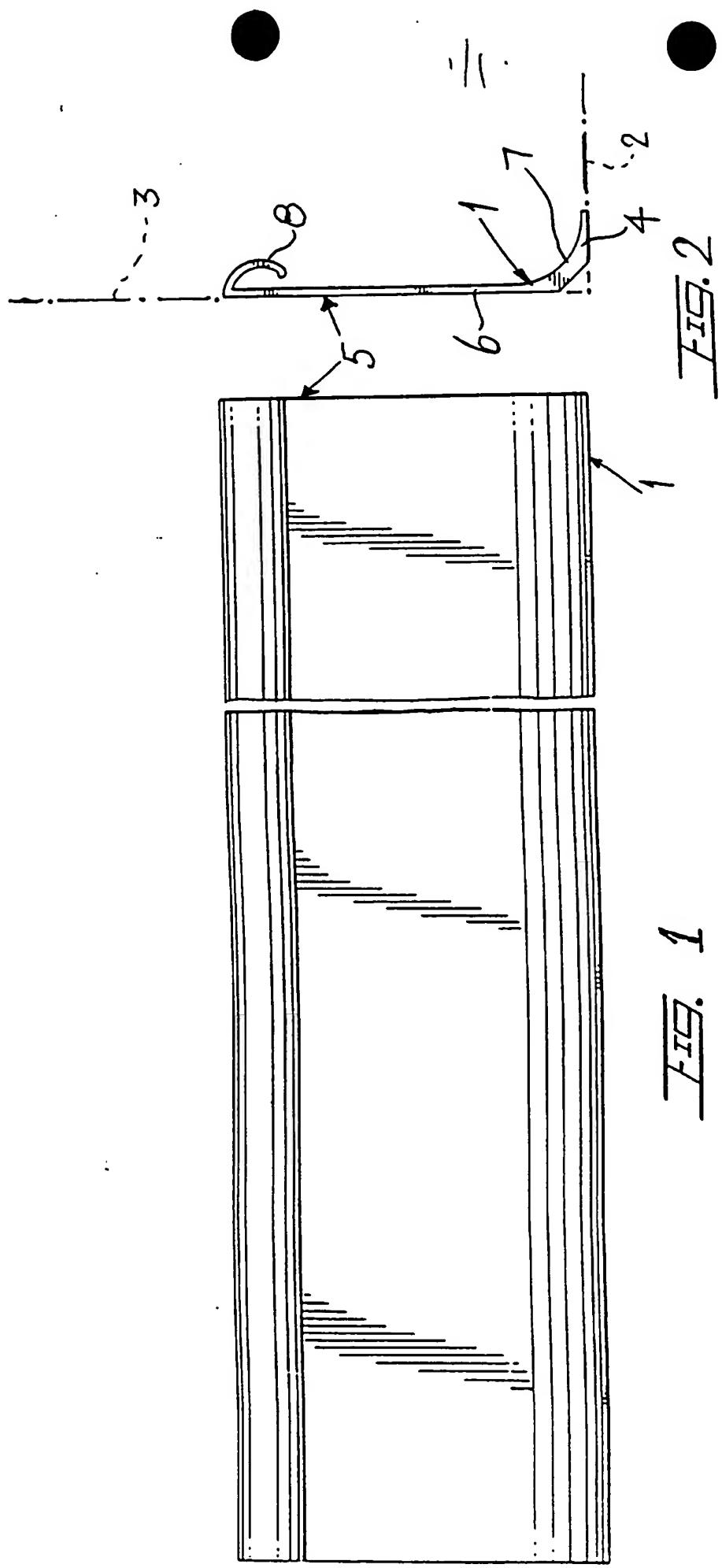


FIG. 2

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Edging

The invention relates to edging for use with a floor covering that is to extend for a distance up a wall.

Hitherto, such edging, commonly known in the trade as a flash cap, has consisted of an elongate supporting or backing member for positioning under the floor covering along the corner at the foot of the wall where it meets the floor and suitable for neatly guiding the floor covering around the corner up the wall, and a separate elongate trim member which is secured to the wall and serves to finish off the edge of the floor covering and hold it to the wall. The problem experienced with such edging is that the trim member has to be pre-attached to the wall under the floor covering at the precise height of the raw edge of the floor covering, which is a difficult thing to do.

According to the present invention, this problem is solved by the surprisingly simple but hitherto untried expedient of making the trim member and backing member as a one piece extrusion.

An example of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of edging, and

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof.

The illustrated edging is a single elongate extrusion, preferably of plastics material, and comprises an angular supporting or backing member 1 in one piece with a trim member 5. Fig. 2 illustrates how, in use, the edging is positioned in the corner between a floor 2 and wall 3 shown in chain-dotted lines. The angular backing member comprises a limb 4 by which the edging may be nailed or stuck to the floor 2 and a limb 6 at right-angles thereto for abutting the wall 3. The limbs 4 and 6 are joined by a concave piece 7 which serves to guide an overlying floor covering (not shown), for example a carpet or vinyl sheet, smoothly around the corner and up the wall 3.

The limb 6 of the backing member 1 is extended to constitute the back of the trim member 5 that is positioned against the wall 3 and terminates in a re-bent arcuate lip 8 defining a channel in which the raw edge of the floor covering is received and which serves to provide a neat finish and hold the floor covering against the wall. The limb 6 and its extension may be stuck or nailed to the wall 3 if attachment of the edging to the floor 2 by the limb 4 is found to be inadequate. Alternatively, the edging may be secured only to the wall

3. In either case, the need for guessing or precisely measuring the required height of the lip 8 has been eliminated by means of the invention.

Claims

1. *Edging for a floor covering which is to extend for a distance up a wall, comprising an elongate backing member for positioning under the floor covering along the corner at the foot of the wall where it meets the floor and suitable for guiding the floor covering around the corner up the wall and, extruded in one piece therewith, a trim member for positioning against the wall and serving to finish off the edge of the wall covering.*
2. *Edging according to claim 1, wherein the backing member is angular and comprises a first limb for lying on the floor and, at right-angles thereto, a second limb for abutting the wall.*
3. *Edging according to claim 2, wherein the limbs of the backing member are joined by a concave connecting piece.*
4. *Edging according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the said second limb is extended to form the back of the trim member.*
5. *Edging according to claim 4 wherein the back of the trim member terminates in a re-bent lip defining a channel in which the raw edge of the floor covering is received.*

*6. Edging substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to
the accompanying drawings.*



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